

commander's view



VADM John G. Cotton

Seabee update: The death of our seven Seabee shipmates in late April, early May and the serious injuries inflicted upon another 34, were sad and sobering tragedies. This was the largest loss we've incurred in the Global War on Terrorism, and it brings the total number of Navy Reservists killed since – and including – the Sept. 11 attack up to 16. Of the nine others killed, six died in the attack on the Pentagon, one died in the World Trade Center attack and three have died in action in the Middle East.

In the case of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 14 (NMCB-14), I was very proud to hear of such a large outpouring of Navy support by both the active and reserve components in caring for the families and friends of our lost and injured shipmates. Several local families even offered to host families visiting their injured Seabees at the hospitals.

Many of us have frequently visited these heroes being treated at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Their stories, their positive attitudes, and their continuing dedication are remarkable – they truly honor our Navy, our country and personify selfless service. Our deepest sympathies go out to all the families and the friends of our lost and injured shipmates. They will be forever remembered and greatly missed.

GM2 Thomas Johnson was among the 12 very seriously injured Seabees that arrived at Bethesda several weeks ago. This past weekend he was already back in attendance at a "White Hat" meeting with RDML John Stewart, Commander, REDCOM Southeast.

"I called him up front at the end and gave him one of my new coins and thanked him for his patriotism and contribution," Stewart said. "His fellow Sailors [about 200 in the room] gave him a resounding standing ovation...really touching! Afterward he told Command Master Chief Veronica Tutt and me that he was heading back to Iraq in about a month 'because they really need me over there!' Seems he's the only GM they have, and he's gotta get back. What a great Sailor. When he limped off the plane at JAX, I asked him where he'd been hit. He pulled up his shirt and showed me the 20 or so staples holding his gut together. All the while sporting a big grin. Just wanted to share this indelible memory. I won't forget GM2 Johnson! I am humbled by his commitment."

We are very proud of GM2 Johnson and rest assured, he will be allowed to fully recover before heading back!

As joint requirements continue pressing Naval assets around the globe, our Navy's Reserve, "ready and fully integrated," continues to demonstrate its relevance to our Navy and our nation's warfighting wholeness. On any given day, over 5,000 Drilling Reservists (DRILLRES) are on active-duty orders (AT, ADT, ADSW, mobilization) providing critical support to the fleet, while over 14,000 Full Time Support (FTS) Reservists are either embedded in fleet billets or serving in essential staff positions enabling Reserve programs. Gone are the days of the "weekend warrior," as today's Navy Reservists are fully integrated into Navy operations.

Helicopter Combat Support Squadron 4 (HCS-4) and HCS-5: We had the opportunity to honor the service members, the families and the civilian employers of HCS-5) at NAS North Island on June 4. HCS-5 and some members of the Norfolk based sister squadron HCS-4 were mobilized in March 2003 to support combat search and rescue and special operations missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. HCS-4 & 5's mobilization and performance

in combat was (and continues to be) as remarkable as that of Fighter Squadron 201 (VFA-201), Naval Coastal Warfare units, Explosive Ordnance Disposal units, Special Warfare Operational Support Groups and many other units and individual augmentees...excellent, every one of them! They exemplify the one Navy concept working seamlessly with Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Navy and Marine Corps units to accomplish the common U.S. and coalition objective of securing freedom and democracy for the Iraqi people. At the reception, one Sailor answered the question of "do you think we're doing the right thing?" He replied, "I see my kids playing in the school yard and imagine those same kids as being young Iraqi children in a few years.... happy, free and unafraid. Yes, we're doing the right thing," said AE1 James Doyle.

Alignment: At the end of May we began a major initiative, that of embedding the Reserve Readiness Commander (REDCOM) in the active-duty Regional Commander's staff as the Deputy Regional Commander. RADM Bob Passmore (REDCOM NW) is now the Northwest Regional Deputy Commander. This Sea Trial will serve as the model for future integration of the REDCOMs and REGIONs and the Navy Reserve's role in regional responsibilities, such as homeland security and possibly even recruiting. We've always had militias, and the people who lived in a geographical area were vested in and manned their regional militia. The NW regional staff has welcomed RADM Passmore and look forward to further integration of Navy Reservists, FTS and DRILLRES in their staff.

Once again we've been able to chat with many Reservists across the Force in the past month. NAVSEA civilian and SELRES AC3 Grace Duval drills at NAR San Diego and is working on an Information Systems Technology (IT) degree. Her favorite Navy memory is completing bootcamp last September and knew our Navy Reserve vision perfectly. FTS HM1 Carl Garms joined the Navy to see the world, is stationed at NRC Orange, Texas, and loves working with the Marines Corps. His career mentor has always been retired HMCM Vic Harshbarger, and he enjoys making a difference at the center. In person, we recognized SELRES SK3 Robert Lutch from the AIRPAC Supply Unit in Athens, Ga., as the junior member of the very large and senior audience. He did a great job of leading everyone in the Sailor's Creed. FTS PNSR Cassandra Stone has been, in the Navy only six months; she was very surprised to get our call at NRC Reading, Pa. She has her sights set on becoming an officer someday and says her mentor is HTC(SW) Thomas Reed. And lastly, at NRC Salt Lake City we were able to personally interview FTS PN3 Brandon Vickers, who wants to go to sea for his next tour and was able to recite the NR vision verbatim...it was posted on the wall in admin in very big letters! His mentor, QMC(SW) Frederick Checke, was proudly standing right behind him.

We can be proud of our many accomplishments as we continue to answer the call to re-serve with greater speed and flexibility than ever before. The key is our people. During Operation Enduring Freedom, a senior officer aboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) when asked about his crew said, "People ask me if I'm worried about the youth of America today? I tell 'em not at all, because I see the very best of them every day." I agree wholeheartedly! Our Sailors are more capable than ever and their honor, courage and commitment make our profession the most highly respected in the respected United States today, and our Navy the most admired and respected around the world. Thank you for your dedicated service and the continuing honor to serve as your Chief of Navy Reserve.

John G. Cotton
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy Commander Reserve Force

sailors matter



FORCM(AW/NAC)
Thomas W. Mobley

Congratulations to everyone who has recently been advanced or selected for advancement. Those of you preparing for advancement and those involved in preparing our Sailors for advancement should keep the following information in mind. Some sources have stated advancement opportunities are down throughout our ranks. This is not entirely correct and this column discusses factors we use to determine advancement opportunities.

We only advance to open requirements. This means an advancement opportunity is generated when there is a billet for a second class and there are no second classes in our personnel inventory to fill it. Our advancement system is based on our national personnel inventory compared to our national billet requirements. Advancement opportunities are determined by manning levels within a particular rate. This provides maximum opportunities for advancements.

In the past, the billet requirements changed frequently which made comparison for advancement a challenge. This happened in the past because Navy requirements were constantly changing. As our Navy goes through the Zero Base Review (ZBR) of current and future Reserve billet requirements we can expect a more stable manpower platform designed to meet the needs of the fleet. As the fleet needs are clearly identified for present and future requirements Enlisted Community Managers (ECMs) will be able to identify advancement opportunities early and more efficiently plan future advancements. As an interim measure, ECMs are cautiously mapping advancement opportunities now to prevent over manning in certain rates. This is to ensure each advancement cycle has quotas in rates where there is a billet requirement. The work being done now will establish a more stable and predictable manpower requirement for the Navy's reserve component.

So what can you do to prepare yourself for advancement? Start with the basics. Study for advancement. Several years ago the Navy changed the advancement eligibility requirements and no longer required Nonresident Training Courses (NRTC). Once the NRTC weren't required for exam purposes, many Sailors thought they didn't need to complete the NRTC for their rate. Nothing could be further from the truth. Good test scores are directly related to NRTC courses completed and studying from the Bibliography for Advancement (BIBs) for your rate. It's no secret the best test scores come from studying the manuals. It's also no secret about what will be on your advancement exam. BIBs are updated for each cycle and give us direction on what to study. BIBs can be accessed through the Navy Knowledge Online and NETC at <https://www.advancement.navy.mil>.

The above Web site has invaluable advancement information that will help you understand the entire advancement process. The factors that make up your Final Multiple Score (FMS) are listed by paygrade. The higher your FMS is, the better your chances are for advancement. Your exam score and performance marks make up a large part of your FMS. These are two areas we have personal control over. Our hard chargers are leading from the front. Don't forget the other part of studying and preparing for the exam.

Prior to the advancement cycle you must make sure your advancement information is correct. Review your worksheet carefully and if corrections are required, follow-up with the Education Services Office (ESO). Part of the administrative responsibility falls to each of us, whether we are the test-taker or the person administering the exam.

Errors or incomplete information causes advancement discrepancies in every advancement cycle. When there is a discrepancy on the worksheet, advancement results will not be available until the error is corrected. The NETC Web site has a list of common advancement discrepancies and how to correct them. Be proactive and help your ESO get the error fixed. If you have a discrepancy and it is not corrected you will not receive your advancement exam results. If the mistake is not corrected in a timely manner, you lose the advancement opportunity permanently.

Future changes to the advancement program will come as Sea Warrior becomes implemented and career paths and accomplishments/assignments will be identified under the 5 Vector Model. A complete overview of the 5 Vector Model is available on Navy Knowledge Online at www.nko.navy.mil. Until the 5 Vector Model is implemented, all current advancement procedures will remain in effect. As a side note, there has been no discussion about doing away with a testing requirement. My advice to each of you is keep studying and prepare for your advancement exam each cycle.

When speaking with Sailors about competing for chief petty officer, I sometimes come across a misconception about the Enlisted Warfare Program. Some Sailors believe it is required for advancement or that it is a personal award. Here is the real scoop. The Enlisted Warfare Program is a set of skill sets and accomplishments required to be learned if you are a member of a warfare platform such as a ship, squadron, submarine, SEAL Team, or Fleet Marine Force (FMF). Mission accomplishment and success in military conflict are the basis for warfare qualification. Success of the command depends on the level of understanding and knowledge each enlisted member has of the command and its mission. Sailors earn warfare qualification to ensure each member can fill the job of another in a battle loss to ensure mission accomplishment. These are the true reasons for warfare qualification, not personal accomplishment/awards for advancement. Selection boards are given this clarification and do not award any additional credit for a warfare device. Conversely, selection boards are briefed that our Sailors must take advantage of the opportunity to earn a warfare pin if they have been assigned to a warfare platform. If Sailors fail to become warfare qualified at a warfare platform it reflects poorly on them. So, the next time you hear you that you need a warfare pin for advancement, remember that not every Sailor has the opportunity for assignment with a warfare platform. Sailors who advance to chief petty officer have sustained superior performance and diverse career assignments.

Our Navy continues to promote higher standards through continuous education and learning. Every Sailor should take advantage of the many education resources offered today. Correspondence courses, formal education, Navy E-learning and certificates are all examples of ways to continue learning. Taking full advantage of the education and training offered helps us personally and professionally. Some form of continuing education is an on-going requirement regardless of your rank. Senior chief and master chief petty officers are required to attend the Senior Enlisted Academy. This educational experience helps our senior enlisted understand Navy issues and provides them an opportunity to work on projects to perfect their skills as a Senior Enlisted Leader. You will see continuing education and learning as requirements in the future within the 5 Vector Model and Sea Warrior.

Finally, advancement opportunities are out there. Those Sailors that are prepared and strive to build on their career by seeking out opportunities that make them well rounded are always positioned to advance. Be prepared, pay attention to the details of your career and always look for opportunities to excel and then do it.

Thomas W. Mobley
Force Master Chief, U.S. Navy Reserve Force

family focus



Yonna Diggs
Force Ombudsman

Now that it is time for your spouse to return home from deployment, have you thought about what to expect? The reunion is most often a joyous occasion, but can be very stressful. Unrealistic expectations by the family as well as the service member can be an adjustment for the entire family. While the service member was away, each member of the family may have shifted roles in order to compensate for the absent service member.

As a Spouse, how can you help during this transitional period?

- Keep in mind the service member may have been subjected to a daily routine or regiment and may find it hard to get back into the routine of everyday life.
- Be aware there could be changes in their diet, sleep habits and their interest.
- When things settle down, discuss your relationship with the children and explore ways of integrating the service member back into the parenting role.
- Initially, do not plan surprise events, without some knowledge of the service member's state of mind, upon returning. Some may enjoy large welcome homes, whereas, others may just want to share quiet times with their families.
- Remember, it could take time to re-establish intimacy.

Here are some ways to restore family stability and trust:

- Talk openly about any problems that exist.
- Find people who can help with emotional support such as friends, chaplains, social workers or extended family members.
- Join social activities that include the entire family.
- Avoid excessive blame for readjustment problems.
- Do not use alcohol or drugs to escape dealing with problems.
- Address the needs and concerns of everyone in the family unit.
- Consult your ombudsman for resources in your local area that specialize in dealing with issues related to post-deployment.

Remember, you are not alone and there are many resources to assist you in coping during these difficult times.

If you would like additional information regarding the ombudsman program, contact me at YonnaDiggs@navy.mil.

opportunities

Reservists needed with information technology skills

SPAWAR Reserve Programs Office

The SPAWAR Reserve Programs Office is looking for individuals with information technology skills. If you are an IT professional, if you hold network certification for Microsoft, CISCO or the like, if you are a network manager or network administrator or if you work with Wide Area Networks on a day-to-day basis, your skills are needed.

SPAWARSYSCOM needs assistance with the overwhelming fleet needs for current IT skills and experience. The SPAWAR Reserve Fleet Support Teams place Reservists with IT skills onboard ships, both before and after deployment, to assist ship's force in IT-21 networking issues and information assurance. It is a win-win situation for all involved – ship's crews love the assistance and Reserve teams love the work. Permanent Reserve billets are available as well as Annual Training (AT), Active Duty for Training (ADT) or Active Duty for Special Work (ADSW).

Interested individuals should e-mail detailed resumes to the SPAWAR Reserve Programs Office at SPAWAR-09R_RPO@navy.mil.

—SPAWAR Reserve Programs Office

families of reservists

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (www.nmcra.org): Founded in 1904, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is a private non-profit charitable organization. It is sponsored by the Department of the Navy and operates nearly 250 offices ashore and afloat at Navy and Marine Corps bases throughout the world. The mission of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is to provide, in partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps, financial, educational and other assistance to members of the Naval Services of the United States, eligible family members and survivors when in need; and to receive and manage funds to administer these programs.

American Red Cross (www.redcross.org): The Red Cross is committed to saving lives and easing suffering. This diverse organization serves humanity and helps you by providing relief to victims of disaster, both locally and globally. The Red Cross is responsible for half of the nation's blood supply and blood products. The Red Cross gives health and safety training to the public and provides emergency social services to U.S. military members and their families. In the wake of an earthquake, tornado, flood, fire, hurricane or other disaster, it provides relief services to communities across the country. The Red Cross is America's most trusted charity, and it needs the support of compassionate Americans to succeed.

Armed Services YMCA (www.asymca.org): The YMCA has provided educational, recreational, social and religious support to the military since 1861 and continues that effort with the Defense Department through the Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) headquarters in Alexandria, Va. The ASYMCA pursues a policy of complement and supplement when it comes to establishing programs for the military. Programs are as varied as the needs they address, primarily in the educational, social, recreational and religious areas. At the branch level, ASYMCA have programs for after-school youth care, daily child care, single soldiers' centers, hospital assistance, transportation, adult classes, aerobics, English as a Second Language classes, and so on. They sponsor National Military Family Week, recognized during the week of Thanksgiving, and an essay contest for reading. We also coordinate efforts of military installations to work with their local YMCAs that are not affiliated with ASYMCA.

If you know of specific Web sites that are useful for Navy Reserve families, e-mail them to "The Navy Reservist" at navresfor_tnr@navy.mil.



Photo by PH2 Christopher Mobley

A MH-53E Sea Dragon assigned to the "Vanguard" of Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron Fifteen (HM-15) retrieves an AN/AQS-14A Side-Looking Sonar used to detect underwater mines in its support of Mine Warfare Readiness and Effectiveness Measuring (MIREM) Program 27 to collect and analyze mine warfare data. The data collected will be used to develop a database that can be used to weigh decisions on proposed system improvements. HM-15 is a Navy Reserve squadron from Corpus Christi, Texas.

a look back



35 years ago

1969 - "When the public affairs office of USS Repose (AH 16) looked around for a Navy nurse to model the new shirts being sold in the ship's store, she naturally turned out to be a Naval Reservist. She is LT Diane Hoblitzell, posing here with the ship's CO, CAPT John Drew, USN."



20 years ago

1984 - Fourteen Seabees from Naval Reserve Mobile Construction Battalions (RNMBC) 16 and 17 participated in a special 17-day training exercise in Peru. The Seabees assisted a Peruvian Navy project team in clearing and repairing storm damage at a base in Callao.



10 years ago

1994 - AM1 Della Ebersole became the first female flight engineer trainee for a P-3 combat air crew in the Navy Reserve, as a member of VP-62's "Broadarrows." One year prior, the "Broadarrows" had the first female Naval flight officer in a combat air crew.

what's new

DoD standardizes HIV test interval across all services

WASHINGTON - Military members are now required to be tested for HIV every two years, according to a recent Defense Department health policy change. The Armed Forces Epidemiological Board recommended the change, which standardizes the HIV testing interval across the services, according to Dr. David N. Tornberg, deputy assistant secretary of defense for clinical and program policy. The military began testing service members for HIV in the mid-1980s. Service members who test HIV positive under the new two-year interval are most likely to benefit from anti-viral drugs and other treatments that help keep the disease at bay.

"We're looking to protect the individual," Tornberg said, noting that HIV-positive service members are not automatically discharged and may continue on with their military careers.

The two-year interval also enables DoD to consolidate HIV testing for deployments. For example, he noted, Guard and Reserve members are now to have been tested for HIV within two years of a mobilization of more than 30 days.

Tornberg pointed out that both male and female service members could acquire HIV, which can be transmitted sexually, through intravenous drug use or via blood transfusions.

The HIV infection rate across the military is about two out of every 10,000 service members, Tornberg said, which is equal to or lower than the civilian population in the United States for the same age and gender.

— Gerry J. Gilmore, American Forces Press Service

USA Cares' helps military families in financial need

WASHINGTON - Deployments can put unexpected financial hardships on military families - sky-high telephone bills, unanticipated travel costs, loss of income for Guardsmen and Reservists called to active duty for extended periods, among them.

USA Cares, a nonprofit organization run entirely by volunteers, is committed to helping families who've run into financial troubles while their family member serves the country. Farrah Overman, one of the group's volunteers, said the help provided runs the gamut, from advice about where to go for assistance to outright payments for housing, food, vehicle repairs or other necessities.

USA Cares helps to direct families to military and other charitable organizations or corporate sponsors looking for ways to support American troops, Overman said. Sometimes the group acts as an intermediary, getting landlords or bill collectors to agree to reduced payments during the deployment or helping the family get a loan to cover expenses. "We either help them or help them find a way to help themselves," Overman said.

USA Cares has 10 outstanding requests from needy military families that it hopes to support as funding becomes available, she said.

For more information, call (800) 773-0387 toll-free or visit the organization's Web site at www.usacares.us.

—Donna Miles, American Forces Press Service



Photo by JO2 Leslie Shively

UT2 Shane Pillsbury, left, gives EO2 Mark Galan pointers for disassembly of an M2 M2HB Browning .50 caliber machine gun. Pillsbury is an instructor assigned to the 31st Support Readiness Group in Port Hueneme, Calif., and Galan is assigned to the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Two Two (NMCB-22), a Navy Reserve unit based in Ft. Worth, Texas. NMCB 22 is in Port Hueneme for annual training and members are attending military skills classes.

opportunities

Phoenix unit offers unparalleled training opportunities

PHOENIX – Naval Reserve Commander, Naval Surface Force U.S. Pacific Fleet (CNSP) Det. B-319 has open quotas for 2004 Global Command and Control System-Maritime (GCCS-M) training. A training course previously offered only to active duty Sailors is now available to Reservists monthly and on an ad-hoc basis if needed.

GCCS-M provides a single joint command and control system for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff as well as operationally significant, near real-time, data for presentation to the warfighter in a functional, integrated manner. The Reserve course encompasses two days and is designed to familiarize operational watchstanders with key GCCS-M functionality.

The GCCS-M operator course was designed in cooperation with Space and Naval Warfare and Fleet Combat Training Center, Pacific and is taught at Fleet Combat Training Center in San Diego. Each of the following dates has 12 quotas available:

JUL 17 & 18

AUG 21 & 22

SEP 18 & 19

OCT 16 & 17

NOV 20 & 21

DEC 18 & 19

Additional weekends and quotas may be available, depending upon course demand. To obtain a quota or get more information regarding the course, contact LCDR Eric Stoeckel at (623) 362-9912 or via e-mail at ricostoeckel@yahoo.com.

—ENS Brenda A. Way, CNSP Det. B-319

Web page administrator sought

NEW ORLEANS – The Navy Reserve Personnel Center has a need for someone with Web page development and maintenance skills to manage the command Internet and Intranet sites. The individual should be E3-6 with any NEC to serve on ADSW in New Orleans as Web page administrator.

The individual would be working primarily independently, interacting with various departments as required to implement any desired Web site changes. The Web sites are essentially established and primarily require upkeep and maintenance.

The ideal candidate has FrontPage 2000 and 2002 knowledge. Experience in Web design applications, such as Dream Weaver or Photoshop, would also be useful. Other desired skills include knowledge of NMCI administrative procedures and online tools, Microsoft Access 2000, familiarity with VBA (MS Access 2000 Coding VBA) and Microsoft Office products.

The position is currently available for service of 90-179 days. For more information, contact LCDR Alan Petro via e-mail at alan.petro@navy.mil or by phone at (504) 678-4048.

—Navy Reserve Personnel Center



Photo by Lance Cpl. Samuel Bard Valliere

CDR Joel Hardin, a surgeon for 3rd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, looks around during a visit to a village near Camp Taqaddum, Iraq. Marines and Navy medical personnel from the battalion, as well as other 1st Force Service Support Group units, visited the village in order to deliver fresh water, assess the people's medical needs and speak with the community's leadership about their concerns. A firefight a few kilometers away forced the Marines to cut their visit short to prevent any harm from coming to the village. Two days prior, Marines on a routine patrol outside the village stumbled upon what they believe to be the largest weapons cache unearthed in the Al Anbar Province this year. The reserve infantry battalion, based in Bridgeton, Mo., provides security to the camp. Hardin is a 42-year-old resident of Chicago, where he works as a pediatric cardiologist.

Navy Reserve surgeon helps ailing Iraqi children take first steps toward healing hands in states

Lance Cpl. Samuel Bard Valliere
1st Force Service Support Group

CAMP TAQADDUM, Iraq – A Navy Reserve doctor here is working with a children's charity to help young Iraqis with serious health problems receive treatment in America that is not available in Iraq.

CDR Joel Hardin, a pediatric cardiologist in Chicago moonlighting as a surgeon with 3rd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, has seen three girls from villages in the Al Anbar province to assess their conditions and determine if they should leave Iraq for care in the United States.

Hardin gave each child an examination and reviewed their medical history before recommending their cases to the Palestine Children's Relief Fund, a non-profit group based in the United States dedicated to trying to save the lives of ailing Middle Eastern children by providing them with free care.

One seven-year-old girl has a neurological disorder that causes fluid to collect in her brain. The other two girls, 10-year-olds Hardin saw at Camp Al Asad, have congenital heart disease.

The Marine Corps doesn't normally deploy with doctors to care specifically for children, so word of Hardin's expertise has spread beyond the 1st Force Service Support Group, under which two companies of the reserve infantry battalion fall. It was top leaders from the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing who brought all three girls' plights to his attention.

Children here lack many medical resources because the Iraqi health care system, once the hub of the Middle Eastern medical community, has slowly deteriorated over the last decade, said Hardin.

The Gulf War, he said, left numerous

facilities demolished and the surgeons 10 years behind the rest of the modern world.

He expects that humanitarian missions led by coalition forces, coupled with medical training and supplies donated by charities, will help return the system to its former glory within three to four years.

"It's poor now, but it has great promise, and it had a great history," he said.

With no pediatric hospitals in Iraq, the ailing trio makes up only a small percentage of children in need of overseas medical attention, said Steve Sosebee, the head of the charity.

"Consider the fact that Iraq has over 20 million people, and there are over 2,000 babies born a year there with congenital heart disease, if not more," said Sosebee in an e-mail interview.

"There is not a single center there to treat them. So they are all dying, eventually, from a disease which in the United States or Europe is treated without too much trouble."

The organization has helped more than 400 Middle Eastern children since it was formed in 1991.

Hardin's referral of a case to the charity, though only the beginning of the process, is where the military usually steps aside.

Even after treatment has been arranged in America, family concerns can halt the process.

Current rules prevent fathers from accompanying their children to the states. According to Hardin, this stems from fears that they will take up illegal residency when treatment is done. Mothers are encouraged to go, but none of the three children's fathers have yet blessed a trip to America without their attendance.

Although working with children is a far cry from his military job as a combat surgeon

with an infantry unit, it is what he feels more comfortable doing, said Hardin, who joined the Navy on a whim five years ago "for the experience."

Children here have the same innocence as the ones he treats at his clinic in Chicago, he said.

"There is nothing different about them; that is why I like them," he said. "They remind me of the kids back home. They smile despite some very difficult situations."

He noted how one girl he examined remained calm and cheerful while Marine artillery fired from a nearby position. Meanwhile, doctors and Marines were jumping with every burst.

"That's just the way she grew up," he said. "When all of the military personnel are flinching and this child isn't fazed, it kind of puts things into perspective. She was treating it like it was thunder."

Hardin, 42, said his experiences meeting Iraqi villagers with the Marines during some of their civil affairs visits have helped him see more of the population's similarities to Americans.

"Unless you go to the villages and talk to the people, you haven't seen Iraq," he said. "I've found out that Iraqi fathers remind me a whole hell of a lot of any father I've met in Chicago."

He claims the Iraqi people have won his heart and mind by demonstrating how similar they are to Americans, and he hopes word of such positive military involvement will spread through the villages as family members talk about it.

"We're willing to help in a way they didn't think we would," he said about the cooperation between the Iraqis and the military. "It makes this one world again."



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RESERVE SAILORS OF THE YEAR Drilling Reservists

2004 RESERVE SAILORS OF THE YEAR: HMI Larry Tentinger of Fleet Hospital Fort Worth Texas
NAVRESFLTHOSP Dallas, Texas

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of NRC Bronx, N.Y.
REDCOM Northeast
Newport, R.I.

SK1 Mack C. McGinnis
of NABSU 0182 New Orleans
NAS JRB New Orleans
New Orleans

AT1(AW) Joseph S. Diekman
of VP-62 Jacksonville, Fla.
COMRESPATWING
Willow Grove, Pa.

RPI John J. Caudle
of NRC Avoca, Pa.
REDCOM Mid-Atlantic
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of NAR Willow Grove, Pa.
NAS JRB Willow Grove
Willow Grove, Pa.

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REDCOM Southeast
Jacksonville, Fla.

CTR1 Willie L. Lagrand
of NR SECGRU Washington
NAF Washington
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AT1(AW/NAC) George F. Lean
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NAR Brunswick
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FC1(SW) John K. Hope III
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NAR Whidbey Island
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Modern technology breathes life back into World War II plane



Photo by Don Resmondo

An F4F-3 Wildcat fighter that crashed into Lake Michigan during carrier qualifications during World War II is preserved much as it appeared while underwater for 50 years in an exhibit at the National Museum of Naval Aviation on board Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla. The Navy operated two paddle-wheel steamers converted to aircraft carriers, USS Wolverine (IX 64) and USS Sable (IX 81), on Lake Michigan for the purpose of training carrier pilots in shipboard launch and recovery.

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LAKE MICHIGAN, Ill. - Flying as if through a hole in time, a Grumman F4F Wildcat from World War II soared through the Kansas sky like an angry ghost 60 years after sinking into the cold waters of Lake Michigan.

This aircraft was one of hundreds of World War II planes that crashed into Lake Michigan during aircraft carrier qualification training exercises conducted in the early 1940s. Today, thanks to sidescan sonar surveys, some of these historic planes have been located and restored.

"Sidescan sonar is a piece of equipment that uses sound reflection to image the bottom of the water column," says ET1 Dominic J. Fecteau. "It sends out signals which reflect back to the receiver. The computer processes these signals, giving us an image of the target area."

These signals are transmitted out of what looks like a small missile, called a towfish, pulled behind a boat.

Fecteau is in charge of training Selected Reservists (SELRES) from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit 10 (EODMU 10) of Fort Story, Va. This unit will be doing a sidescan sonar survey of 10 underwater crash sites in Lake Michigan for the Naval Historical Center.

"While our primary goal is to locate underwater mines, these operations help us to familiarize drilling Reservists with equipment, different settings and how to analyze and process data," said Fecteau.

Former aviation anti-submarine warfare technician Steve C. Anderson

is the president of Applied Marine Acoustics Inc. His company specializes in digital sidescan sonar imaging; Anderson recognizes the value of training in interpretation of the images.

"Taking the images is actually the easy part, interpreting the images is the hard part," Anderson said.

Interpretation is important because the sonar images look like ultrasound pictures. According to Anderson, to the untrained eye it could be difficult to correctly identify the object.

"It takes a lot of practice," said Anderson, who is a former aviation anti-submarine warfare technician. "You have to view the images in the proper light and frame of mind in order to interpret them correctly."

The Reserve detachment is using state of the art sidescan sonar equipment. They are also using a Global Positioning System (GPS), which automatically identifies the coordinates of airplanes located by the sidescan sonar. The combination of equipment provides reliable historical data, which is the key to finding the other 80 or so remaining aircraft in the lake.

The Wildcat that now flies the skies of Kansas and is the property of Steve J. Craig. It was the first recovered from Lake Michigan to be returned to flight status, a process that took two and a half years. It is now on display at the Combat Air Museum in Topeka, Kan.

EODMU 10 hopes TB/M/TBF Avengers, F6F Hellcats, SBD Dauntless and additional Wildcats will also be salvaged. ♦